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FORMER FBI EMPLOYEE SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton, Stephen P. Beauchamp, Special Agent in Charge, DOJ Office of Inspector General and Hardrick Crawford, Jr., Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, El Paso Division, announced that 36-year-old **MARIO CASTILLO**, a former FBI language specialist in El Paso, was sentenced to five years in federal prison after pleading guilty to one count of unauthorized access of a computer to obtain information for private financial gain and one count of trafficking in and using an unauthorized access device with intent to defraud.

During a hearing before U.S. District Judge Philip Martinez on Friday, Castillo admitted that on September 11, 2001, he illegally accessed the FBI database and queried the names "Mario Porras" and "Jose Frias." Castillo also admitted to using and selling at least eight stolen cellular telephones in the Fall of 2002. As a result of the scheme, Verizon Wireless lost approximately \$117,000.

This case was investigated by the Department of Justice Office of Inspector General, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigation and the El Paso County Sheriff's Office. Assistant United States Attorneys Juanita Fielden and Donna Miller prosecuted this case on behalf of the Government.

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